

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph at the top of page 1, above the current first paragraph:

This is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/481,319, now U.S. Patent 6,497,726, filed on March 17, 2000.

Please delete the third paragraph at page 3, lines 9-10 and replace it with the following paragraph:

~~Figure 2 shows~~ Figures 2A-2C show a side view of three different embodiments of BTBs in accordance with the subject invention.

Please delete the third paragraph at page 4, line 24 running to page 5, line 5 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Referring now to ~~Figure 2~~ Figures 2A-2C, three different embodiments of the subject BTBs are shown. Figure 2A shows an embodiment that comprises a basic configuration of the subject BTBs. Bone blocks 210 and 220 are in a pre-shaped dowel form with no groove thereon, and are connected by tendon 100. Figure 2B shows another version of the BTB, wherein the bone blocks are preshaped into dowels with tapered ends. Bone block 212 is a dowel that has a proximal tapered region 216 in relation to tendon 200, and bone block 214 is preshaped into a dowel that has a distal tapered region 218 in relation to tendon 200. Figure 2C illustrates a preferred version of the invention, which has a bone block 230 with a proximal tapered region 239 and a groove 238 positioned on the bone block 230. This version also comprises a second bone block 234 with a distal tapered region and a groove 236 positioned on bone block 234 as well. The embodiments shown in Figures 2B-C are tapered such that implantation into a pre-formed tunnel in recipient bone is preferred to occur in the direction of the arrow (see also Figure 4).

Please delete the paragraph number 3 in Example 1, at page 9, (otherwise known as lines 29-32 of page 9) and replace it with the following paragraph:

3. Cut around the ~~Patellar~~ patellar block to separate it from the proximal tibia and distal femur. Leave approximately 4 cm of quadriceps tendon attached to the patellar block if required. If no quadriceps tendon attachment is specified, then remove the quadriceps tendon from patellar block completely using sharp dissection.